

## REMARKS

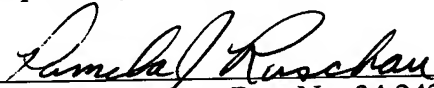
### *Pending Claims*

Claims 1-7 and 10-14 are pending in this application, claims 8 and 9 having been cancelled. Claims 2-5 and 7 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and/or conform the claims to U.S. patent law practice. Claims 10-14 have been added to cover the alternatives cancelled in the multiple claim dependencies. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

### *Conclusion*

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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